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SUBJECT: SWEDISH ACCEPTANCE OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

REF: A. STOCKHOLM 0428 B. KUALA LUMPUR 0902

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1. DEPT. REQUESTS THAT EMBASSY PURSUE WITH THE GOVERNMENT  
OF SWEDEN THE QUESTION OF ACCEPTING INDOCHINESE REFUGEES ON  
A CONTINUING BASIS. EVEN IF THE NUMBERS TO BE ACCEPTED ARE  
SMALL, A SWEDISH COMMITMENT TO ACCEPT A NUMBER OF REFUGEES  
EACH MONTH WOULD ALLOW UNHCR TO COUNT ON ADDITIONAL NUMBERS  
OF REFUGEES FOR RESETTLEMENT IN THIRD COUNTRIES.

2. AT THE KUALA LUMPUR CONFERENCE THE SUEDESH REPRESENTATIVE INDICATED THAT SWEDEN IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT A CERTAIN NUMBER OF EMERGENCY CASES INVOLVING MEDICAL OR OTHER HUMANITARIAN DISTRESS. WE WELCOME THIS INTEREST AND WOULD HOPE THAT IT CAN BE TRANSLATED INTO ACCEPTANCE FOR DESERVING REFUGEES AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME.

3. IN ADDITION TO ACCEPTING EMERGENCY CASES, IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF THE SWEDES COULD ESTABLISH A MONTHLY QUOTA FOR ACCEPTANCE OF INDOCHINESE PARTICULARLY WITH BOAT REFUGEES IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE UNHCR IN MAKING OFFERS OF RESETTLEMENT SO THAT NO BOAT REFUGEE IS TURNED AWAY WHEN

HE ARRIVES AT A COUNTRY OF TEMPORARY SAFEHAVEN. SUCH A SMALL SWEDISH PROGRAM WOULD HAVE A HIGHLY FAVORABLE IMPACT ON OUR EFFORTS TO CONSTRUCT WITH THE CONGRESS A LONG RANGE ACCEPTANCE PROGRAM FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEES. IF THE UNITED STATES IS TO CONTINUE TO TAKE SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF REFUGEES, WE MUST BE ABLE TO POINT OUT THAT OTHER COUNTRIES CONTINUE TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE PROBLEM. DURING THE JANUARY AND MARCH HEARINGS OF THE IMMIGRATION SUBCOMMITTEE, CONGRESSMAN EILBERG STRESSED LINKAGE BETWEEN FUTURE U.S. ACCEPTANCE OF REFUGEES AND INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIVENESS TO THE PROBLEM OF RESETTLEMENT. A SWEDISH PROGRAM WOULD THEREFORE NOT ONLY HELP REFUGEES DIRECTLY BUT WOULD HAVE AN INDIRECT IMPACT ON OUR ABILITY TO HELP.

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4. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO MAKE ABOVE POINTS AT APPROPRIATE HIGH-LEVEL IN THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO BE ABLE TO SAY THAT THE SWEDES HAVE BEEN APPROACHED DIRECTLY AT THE NEXT HEARING OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE WHICH IS EXPECTED IN VERY NEAR FUTURE. VANCE

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